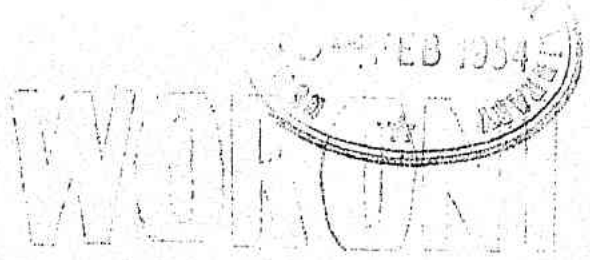


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THE BUSINESS MAN'S PRINCIPLES

In a Sydney paper last Sunday, there appeared a story of Mr. A---, a business man who had been summoned to answer a charge of refusing to give information about his business to the Prices Commission. When the Stipendiary Magistrate fined him £30, he refused to pay; instead he elected to serve 62 days in Long Bay goal.

This man can obviously afford to pay the £30 - why then does he elect to serve a gaol sentence instead of parting with what for him is probably quite an insignificant sum? It's all a matter of "principle", he says. These controls are no longer necessary - they are continued only for the purpose of keeping jobs open for "wartime bureaucrats". The community would do much better if the solution of its problems were left to private enterprise.

This martyr, aged 38, is surely not too young to remember the early thirties, the days when enormous numbers of people tramped the country looking for work; when their physical and mental vitality were sapped by a feeling of uselessness to the community; when many thousands were kept alive by the receipt of the shameful pittance known as the "dole". Is he too young to remember the gangs of men, many of them brought up to better things, who wielded picks and shovels on the public highways, doing "relief" work to keep body and soul together? This is what happened when the solving of the community's problems was left to private enterprise.

It may be thought that all this is irrelevant to the present economic condition of this country. Since the war we have been enjoying a period of prosperity and high employment. Those who think on these lines, however, should remember that we are enjoying this prosperity very largely because private enterprise has not been allowed to go its own merry way. It doesn't need an economist to point out what happens when a country goes bust through inflation! But what business man who is making high profits is going to get worried about the welfare of the community as a whole when he sees signs of inflation. Had controls been lifted immediately after the war, we should probably by now have been in the throes of another "great depression" - and who would get the blame? The "bureaucrats" of course; the self-same bureaucrats whom Mr. A. and many of his fellow business men are accusing of destroying the vitality and strength of the business community.

Let it not be thought that I disapprove of private enterprise; I do not. In fact I strongly believe private enterprise to be essential to the existence of a free, democratic country. But even more strongly do I believe that the operations and activities of private enterprise must be kept under whatever control is necessary to avoid the tragic economic fluctuations which bring misery and bitterness to so many. And this



time, when strong Government action has warded off the collapse with which the Australian economy has been and still is threatened, it is an embittering thought that men can be so foolish as to believe that we would be better off without controls.

THE SEVEN AGES OF MAN

1. Milk
2. Milk, vegetables
3. Milk, ice-cream, milkshakes, sweets
4. Steak, beer, chips, ham and eggs
5. Pate de foie gras, caviare, chicken a la King, hors d'oeuvres, rum omelette, crepes suzettes, cocktails, Scotch, wine, champagne, gin, brandy.
6. Milk and biscuits
7. Milk - more milk

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Main Hall - Friday, August 7th

THE RED LIGHT

If you spy a passing moppet
 Pacing blithely up the street;
 And you hurry just a little
 To o'ertake her pattering feet;

Please, oh please, don't rush it brother,
 Don't be reckless; it's just sport.
 Chasing wenches may not hurt you,
 But there's trouble when they're caught.

Anon.

EDITORIAL

In Sydney these days Australian cigarettes are on display - for sale to anyone who wants to buy them. This is indeed a change from the situation that has prevailed in most parts of this country since the strain and stresses of the war effort first caused shortages of cigarettes.

Many and various are the reasons which have been given for these continued shortages and yet, during these years, and particularly since 1946, there have been many people who have never had to go without Australian cigarettes. How often, too, do people go into a shop and see other customers buy a couple of packets. Yet on asking for cigarettes themselves the newer customers are met with a blank stare and a "Sorry".

These "shortages" have, of course, been very profitable for the shops, particularly before imported cigarettes became freely available. Many a person, unable to give up the cigarette habit, would make purchases amounting to a considerable sum in the hope that they would be able to get just one packet of 10 out of the all-powerful shop-keeper; many a shop too has been able to keep dissatisfied customers because it would hand out a few cigarettes from time to time.

At present it seems that the vendors are anxious to disgorge their accumulated stocks before the anticipated cuts

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"Satisfaction" of "Shall we join the Ladies"

Read by C. H. D. & ...



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are made in excise. But if cigarettes have really been in short supply how could stocks have accumulated? The war has been over for a long time now - and in Queensland last year the tobacco growers found difficulty in disposing of their stocks. It seems to us that if the vendors played fair with their customers - who after all are the ones who give them a livelihood - it would soon be discovered that these "shortages" are nothing but myths.

S. R. C. NOTESTransport

After the move to Turner many students found it impossible to catch the six o'clock buses from Civic and, as a result, had to wait up to 25 minutes for the next bus. It was decided at the last S.R.C. meeting that the Secretary should see the Registrar with a view to an approach to the Department of the Interior to have the time table changed. On being advised on the position Mr. Owen rang the Department who agreed that the buses should henceforth leave Civic at four minutes past six.

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New S.R.C. Secretary and Committee Member

The S.R.C. at its last meeting regretfully accepted the resignation of Dennis Edwards, S.R.C. Secretary. In his place John Brook was appointed Secretary and the vacant Committee membership has been filled by Ken Hosking. The position of dance convenor, formerly held by John Brook, has been accepted by Brian Stephenson.

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Film Evening

The S.R.C. conducted a successful filming of "Pastoral Symphony" in the Main Hall on July 18th. Some interesting shorts were also shown, one of them a particularly good documentary about deep sea fishing in New Zealand waters. The fifty or so people who attended were served with tea and biscuits at interval. The S.R.C. extends thanks to the good folk who helped to clear up after the show.

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C. U. D. S.

The Dramatic Society had another meeting on the 23rd July and read Barry's play "Shall We Join the Ladies?" It was very entertaining but the Society are sorry to say that they did not have quite enough people present to fill the cast. It was decided at the meeting that the newly formed Society would call themselves CUDS (Canberra University Dramatic Society).

The Society hope to have a play ready for production by late September or early October and all those wishing to take part are invited to attend the next meeting which will be held on Thursday the 30th July at 8.00 p.m. in Professor Hope's room. Supper will be served and it would be appreciated if you could bring along a copy of Noel Coward's "Hayfever".

B. EATHER
SECRETARY